

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

- Gathering -

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness – Page 94

Gathering Hymn – #522 As We Gather at Your Table

Greeting and Hymn of Praise (*Glory to God...*) – Page 213

Prayer of the Day

- Word –

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

Scripture Readings – see insert (*Response: Thanks be to God.*)

Psalm - #493 – Taste and See

Gospel Acclamation – Page 205

Gospel (*before reading: Glory to you, O Lord. after: Praise to you, O Christ!*)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

(8:00 am) Baptism – (*Lilly Heth*)

(9:30 am) Baptism – (*Olivia Olson*)

Hymn #677 (v.1) – This Little Light of Mine

(9:30 a.m.) New Member Welcome

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks
and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace (*Response: And also with you.*)

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory Hymn – #692 We Are an Offering

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 206-207

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Bread and Wine

All who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Lamb of God – #195

Hymns – #471, #482, #542

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Sending Hymn – #679 (V. 1 & 3) For the Fruit of All Creation

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

Dismissal (*Response: Thanks be to God!*)

Welcome to Worship at St. John!

Maybe this is one of your first experiences worshipping in a church. Maybe you have been around churches, but have never been to this one. Maybe you are looking for a church to call *home*. Maybe you hope to discover an answer to some of life's big questions. Whatever has brought you to St. John today, *welcome*. As Christians who are Lutheran, we believe worship is a feast of God's Word and Holy Meal. The Word fills you with faith. The Meal fills you with Jesus Christ. St. John began in 1903 when a few people gathered for the Word and the Meal. Today, 115 years later, we gather for the same feast.

To learn more about worship and St. John's story,
click on the GET TO KNOW US page at www.stjohnelc.org

~ To Assist You at Worship ~

- If you are considering becoming a member at St. John, we ask that you begin by visiting with a pastor and attending a *new member coffee or meal*, held four times each year. For details, click on the MEMBERSHIP link on the GET TO KNOW US page at www.stjohnelc.org.
- Personal amplifiers for the hearing impaired are available. Please ask an usher.
- Children's worship bags are in the narthex and the Commons Area.
- Childcare: Children are always welcome in worship. The nursery is available for you, but not staffed during the summer. There is an audio feed of the service in the nursery. If a child needs a shorter break, there is wiggle room and a glider chair in the back of the church.
- Holy Communion is celebrated at each worship service. The table is open to all who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love. You may stand or kneel and receive the bread and wine. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, simply ask the person serving.
- The decision about when a child should commune is made by the parent. We encourage families to visit with a pastor to learn about the sacrament before communing for the first time. Children communing should extend their hands. Children not communing are invited to fold their hands.
- Coffee is served in the Commons Area before Sunday worship services.
- St. John is a member congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** and part of the **Western North Dakota Synod**. St. John is a corporate member of Badlands Ministries Bible Camp and St. Luke's Nursing Home. ELCA and LCMS congregations in western and eastern North Dakota own Lutheran Social Services of N.D., a private, nonprofit social services agency.

~ Introductions to the Reading ~

1 Kings 19:4-8 - First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

Ephesians 4: 25—5:2 - Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

John 6: 35, 41-51 - After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Daycamp Counselors	Thursday
Preaching	Pastor Joe Natwick	Sunday
Assisting Ministers	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Suzanna Moberg	8:00 AM Sunday
	Chris Hertler	9:30 AM Sunday
Organist	Barb Arneson	Thursday
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Servers	Katie Welk	Thursday
	Alexander Meier	8:00 AM
	William Lindvig	9:30 AM

"I GIVE" PEW CARDS

Do you share an offering without using an offering envelope? Has giving electronically left you feeling awkward about passing the offering plate? Has your child ever asked why you don't give an offering like other people (because that is what they see)? We get it! There are a variety of ways to financially support the ministry at St. John! Because every gift matters, there are laminated "I Give" cards in the pew racks for electronic givers to put in the plate during the offering.



FINANCE ADMINSTRATOR AT ST. JOHN

The position of Finance Administrator will be open in late September. This office is responsible for the financial ministry of the congregation and recordkeeping of membership. This part-time position is budgeted at 27 hours per week during office hours and offers flexibility and a meaningful work experience. (Office hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

A bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience is desired. At least three years of experience working in a financial office is preferred.

Interested? A full job description is available in the church office and online. Contact Pastor Lisa for more information on this position at 225-6747 or lewtan@stjohnelc.org.

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Aug 13	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Scouts
Tuesday, Aug 14	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wed, Aug 15	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Staff Retreat in Medora 7 th & 8 th Grade Mentor Supper and Training
Thurs, Aug 16	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, Aug 17	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins DSU Concert (for AMEN Food Pantry)
Sunday, Aug 19	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	Worship Worship – New Member Sunday Reception for Pastor Joe and Becca Natwick 7 th Grade Milestone Worship Leadership Meeting

WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Thursday 36, and Sunday 247.

BAPTISMS

On Sunday, we celebrate two baptisms:

Lilly Jane Heth, parents are Chantal and Mason Heth; sponsors are Myra Rude and Brayden Urlacher.

Olivia Rose Olson, parents are Dakota and Shaun Olson; sponsors are Courtney and Erik Pankowski.

NEW MEMBERS!

Today we welcome new members to the St. John community! Please take some time after worship to introduce yourself, and get to know these families ~

Maria Fairfield

Kolten Knodel & Madison Steier

Katie & Marina Kraft

Kylie Olson

Derin & Louise, Davin, Owin & Landin Seibel

Courtney, Ariel & Dorian Smith

Matthew & Jennifer, Kiera & Trystan Watters

Debra Williams



INTERESTED IN JOINING ST JOHN?

If you would like to join St. John, or if you know someone who is interested, make note of these upcoming dates:

Welcome Dinner – October 14 @ 5:30 pm
New Member Welcome – Nov 7, 8 & 11

DESTINATION PUERTO RICO!

August 12th @ 7:00 pm

The missionaries returned on Aug. 4th, and ready to share their experience with you! Come and hear the stories and see pictures from Puerto Rico! We will begin in the sanctuary, and conclude in the basement with ice cream! You will be able to ask questions and really hear about all of the “best parts” of their trip!

NATWICK OPEN HOUSE

August 19th @ 2:00 – 4:00 pm

St. John - basement
Come and celebrate with

Pastor Joe & Becca Natwick!

Mark your calendar to attend this special Afternoon to congratulate and bless this couple on their future together.

GARDEN OF GRACE

Interested in helping with the garden?

Go to www.stjohelc.org / When Am I

Scheduled? to sign up! During the week,

you and your family or group can water and weed out the raised beds to keep it beautiful and welcoming for everyone who visits. If there are items to “harvest”, tell a staff member or pick the items while you are there. All produce will be delivered to the AMEN Food Pantry.

For updates on schedules and programs, visit our website at www.stjohelc.org

MILESTONE MINISTRY – 7TH GRADE

August 19th @ 5:00 – 6:30 pm

All 7th graders and parents are invited to come learn about worship in a deeper way. We will also walk through the various parts of serving on Sundays to help students understand what an acolyte does. There will even be pizza!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 23rd & 26th



Fall is approaching when students and teachers return to the classroom. Every parent wants their child(ren) to have all the advantages possible for a good education – that includes a blessing! Students, teachers and administrators are encouraged to bring their backpacks, bags, briefcases, etc. to worship on August 23rd and 26th to receive a special blessing to begin the school year.

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY

September 30th

Volunteers are needed to run the “Project Sign-Up Table” during the worship services in September leading up to “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday on September 30th. If you’d like to help, please contact Amy in the church office (agraves@stjohelc.org) or sign up directly at www.stjohelc.org. (Select **When Am I Scheduled** at the bottom of the home page.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS RETURN!

September brings back Wednesday Nights and all of the programs at St. John! Many volunteers are needed for these programs to be a success. *If you can help with hosting a meal, leading Church School, being a Confirmation Mentor, or helping with worship by providing music or running the projector*, contact Pastor Joe at jnatwick@stjohelc.org or call the church office.